



St George's

Anglican Parish of Gate Pa

All who enter here be reconciled

21st January 2024

with **The Rev'd Debbie Garrett**

Epiphany 3 Year B



Welcome to worship at St. George's.

There is morning tea in the church lounge after the 9am Service.

Please join us. Visitors are very welcome.

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Psalm 62:5-12

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First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

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Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:29-31

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Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

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Sentence: The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel. *Mark 1:15*

Prayer for the Day

Bountiful God,
through your Son you have called us to repent of our sin,
to believe the good news,
and to celebrate the coming of your kingdom:
teach us, like Christ's first apostles,
to hear the call to discipleship,
and, forsaking old ways,
to proclaim the gospel of new life to a broken world;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

All are welcome to receive communion

**Prayers and anointing for healing are available during communion in
the chapel, at the back of the church.**

Theme

Traditionally, when a new year begins, there is an expectation that resolutions will be made to bring about change in our lives that in some way that will do us good. In the reading from Jonah we discovered that when God is in charge it is possible to live our lives differently. Jonah consistently resisted God's call to "cry out against Ninevah" because of the wickedness of its people and even went in the opposite direction to get away from God. Eventually, as we hear in today's reading, Jonah gives in to God and goes to Nineveh as commanded, with the message from God that "in forty days" Nineveh will be destroyed. The people believed God's message and repented, lives were changed for the better.

Jesus' mission began with his announcement that "The time promised by God has come at last!" In today's gospel reading we hear how Jesus begins his ministry by calling ordinary people like you and me to follow him. He sees fishermen Simon and his brother Andrew and calls them to follow him. A little further on he sees Zebedee's sons, James and John and calls them as well. Ordinary people going about their ordinary jobs. It may seem strange in this world in which we live, where money and status matter, that this is the way Jesus works. Jesus invested great faith in those men, as he does for us today, offering us a whole new life on a journey with him.

Prayer

Our community: We pray for the communities of Gate Pa, Greerton, Oropi, Pyes Pa and Merivale. We particularly pray for the ministry of Centrepont, Whanau Aroha Centre, Hodgson House and Merivale Community Centre.

We pray for those who are dying, sick, in hospital or in any other kind of need, parishioners in rest homes and those who receive home communion and any others you hold in your hearts at this time.

Our Church: We pray for the people & clergy of the Havelock North Parish; St. John's Theological College Deans, Faculty & students.

Our World: We pray for the Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) and Anglican Overseas Aid (AOA). We pray especially for Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples; for reconciliation and justice in the wake of the "NO" vote to constitutional reconciliation.

Notices



Vicar John is on holiday from 15th to 30th January.
The Rev'd Debbie Garrett is at the helm during that time.



January Rosters: We need people to fill the following roles on 28th January at 9.30am; Liturgist, prayers and powerpoint. The roster is in the foyer for you to put your name down or let the office know if you can help. A big “THANKS” to those who have helped over this summer together.



Parish Picnic: Sunday 28th January after the 9.30am service. The social committee will again provide a delicious summer luncheon/picnic, so do attend. Bring along family and friends if they are visiting for the long weekend. All food and drink will be provided. Cost \$10 a head, with tickets available now from the office.



Parish Pub Night: Friday 9th February at 5pm at World's End, Fraser Cove shopping centre. All welcome.



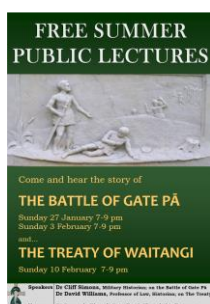
First Taizé of the New Year : Sunday 11th February 2024 at St George's at 7pm. Come and join us for a quiet contemplative service based on the style and music of the Taizé Community in France



Coffee with the Vicar: Tuesday 13th Feb 10.30am at Columbus Café in Mitre 10 at Gate Pa.



Food For Foodbank: Please keep your generous contributions coming to help the Foodbank over this holiday season.



Historical Talks: Three Sundays 7- 9pm in our Church

1. **The Battle of Gate Pa**, on Sunday 28th January, presented by Lt. Col. Dr Cliff Simons
2. **The Battle of Te Ranga**, on Sunday, 4th February presented by Lt. Col. Dr Cliff Simons
3. **Graham Cameron** on Sunday 18th February

The Friday Parish Prayer Circle for prayer for yourself or another, please contact Rev'd Joyce Crawford (5794363) or Shirley Scott (571 2450). Please let them know when prayer is no longer needed.

Service Next Week 28th January Epiphany 4 (One Service Only at 9.30am)

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Psalm 111

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 8: 1-13

Gospel: Mark 1: 21-28

Dates to note in your Diary

- **Parish Picnic** 28th January 2024
- **Lecture Series** 28th January, 4th & 18th February
- **Parish Pub Night** February 9th 5pm
- **Taize Sunday** 11th February 7pm
- **Coffee with the Vicar** Tuesday, 13th February 10.30am
- **Shrove Tuesday** (Pancakes!), Tuesday 13th February 5pm
- **Ash Wednesday** 14th February 2024
- **Vestry meet** Wed 21st February 7pm Church Lounge
- **AGM** Sunday 17th March after 9.00am service
- **Good Friday** 29th March
- **Easter Sunday** 31st March



***8.30am and 10am Church Services will resume from
Sunday 4th February 2024***

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